

BOOK PUBLISHERS

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1995-96 KEY FIGURES

	<i>Largest 20 businesses by total turnover</i>	<i>Remainder by total turnover</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of organisations	20	194	214
Sales of all books (\$m)	730.2	219.8	950.0
Sales of other products (\$m)	187.9	29.3	217.2
Total turnover (\$m)	984.2	272.6	1 256.8
Average turnover per business (\$m)	49.2	1.4	5.9
Wages & salaries paid (\$m)	153.6	47.5	201.1
Royalties & fees paid (\$m)	50.4	18.9	69.3
Total costs (\$m)	878.7	253.8	1 132.5
Average costs per business (\$m)	43.9	1.3	5.3
Opening stocks (\$m)	188.8	68.9	257.7
Closing stocks (\$m)	199.5	70.8	270.3
Stocks to book sales ratio (%)	27.3	32.2	28.5
Sales of Australian titles (\$m)	395.0	166.1	561.1
Royalties & fees paid per Australian book sale (%)	12.8	11.4	12.4
Employment - males (no.)	1 554	586	2 140
Employment - females (no.)	2 439	1 004	3 443
Persons working per business (no.)	199.7	8.2	26.1
Wages & salaries per person employed (\$'000)	38.5	29.9	36.0
Operating profit before tax (\$m)	116.2	20.7	136.8
Profit margin (%)	11.8	7.6	10.9

NOTES

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This publication has been re-issued because certain components of operating costs have been revised since the issue released on Friday 30 May 1997. In the above table, items affected are Royalties & fees paid, Total costs, Average costs per business, Royalties & fees paid per Australian book sale, Operating profit before tax and Profit margin for the Largest 20 businesses by total turnover and Total. Figures for other items are not affected.

This publication presents the results of a data collection from businesses which employed staff and were predominantly engaged in book publishing in 1995-96.

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